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Mr. Eugene Liu Corps of Engineers ATTN: CEMRO-ED-ED 215 North 17th Street Omaha, Nebraska 68102-4978

Subject:

Petroleum Hydrocarbons Soil Contamination

Dear Mr. Liu:

While conducting soil sampling activities in the Venice alleys as part of the NL/Taracorp Superfund Site supplemental investigation, it was discovered that the soil directly beneath the base of the fill material in Alley No. 43 (see attached map) had a petroleum hydrocarbon odor. Alley No. 43 is located behind a convenience store/gasoline station currently selling Mobil Oil Company products. A total of four borings were drilled and sampled along Alley No. 43. Soils that appeared to be contaminated with petroleum hydrocarbon were observed in Borings 1, 2, and 3. Soils from Boring 4 did not appear to be contaminated. Refer to the attached map for location of alley, and boring locations.

The areal and vertical extent of soil petroleum hydrocarbon contamination was not defined since it was outside the scope of this work investigation. It is Woodward-Clyde's recommendation that the Illinois EPA be notified of the findings so that an appropriate remediation response can be initiated.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call either Dave Pate or Ken Hagg at 314/429-0100.

Sincerely,

Jorge Y. Garcia

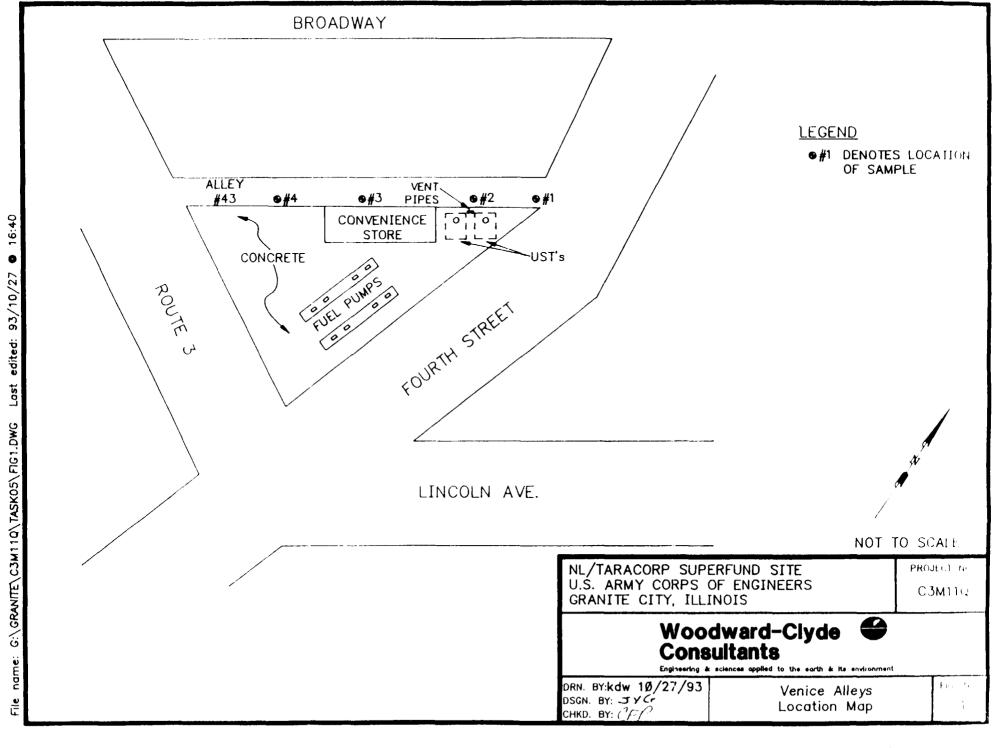
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